THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The authority to select books lor publication rests with the Publications Division.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Monitoring of sales helps Publications Division to evolve its sales strategy and decide on re-printing of titles.

New Channels of Doordarshan

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SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE.

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state-.

(a) what are the new channels opened by Doordarshan in the recent weeks;

(b) whether it is a fact that TV viewers whose TV sets are equipped with normal antennae are not able lo get the Programmes of the new channels and they have to go in for additional and costly antennae or other costly equipments for their TV sets to vi-w the new channels; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take so that the prog rammes of the new channels are eas ily available to the viewers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The details are as follows:

(i) Metro (Entertainment) Channel:—

This channel i_s available terrestrially at Delhi. Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow. In the rest of the country it can be received through an appropriate dish antenna.

(ii) $Sport_s$ Channel:

(iii) Business News and Current Affairs Channel:

(iv) Enrichment Channel.

(v) Music Channel: —

These channels are available terrestrially for a limited range in Delhi through the use of a low cost UHF antenna. In the rest of the country they can be received through an appropritae dish antenna.

(c) Some of the cities identified for extending the terrestrial trans mission of the metro channel are: —

(i) Bhopal,
(ii) Cuttack
(iii) Ahmedabad.
(iv) Patna,
(v) Hyderabad,
(vi) Thiruvananthapuram.
(vii) Banaglore and
(viii) Jaipur.

बिहार में बिजली की कमी

*75. श्री रघुनाथदेव आनन्द पासवान : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार के औद्योगिक पिछड़ेपन के मूल में बिजली की कमी का होना है;

(ख) क्या अधिकांश उद्योग रांची, जमशेदपुर, डोकारो, धनबाद और हजारीबाग जिलों में संकेन्द्रित हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इन जिलों में स्थित उद्योगों के लिये प्रतिदिन 600 मेगावाट बिजली की आवश्यकता है जबकि उन्हें सिर्फ 100 मेगावाट बिजली मिल रही है;